

Please DO NOT permit allow the use of the broadcast flag in over the air high definition television broadcasting. The PUBLIC spectrum used to broadcast high definition broadcasting, to the public, should NOT be held hostage by Viacom and others with the proposed mandatory protection flag support in all receivers. The spectrum that they're using is owned by the American public. The FCC licenses it out to the broadcasters on behalf of the nation, but at the end of the day, we rely on and trust the FCC to protect it. The broadcast flag is NOT appropriate use of this spectrum

If the broadcasters are concerned about protection of their content over the public airways, then they should not broadcast the content. They have strong content controls over private delivery systems like cable and satellite where they can reach the larger audience. If they do not like the open public nature of the OTA spectrum, then they should walk away. Both you and I know they will not, and if they did, others would quickly take their place.

Do NOT be strong armed into allowing them to warp the public broadcasting system towards their bottom line. VCRs did NOT kill the video rental or movie industry as predicted, and neither will OTA recording of publicly broadcast free to air programs."

The broadcast flag is a WRONG and a backwards technological move for our nation. It needlessly destroys fair use, technical innovation, and effective use of our spectrum.

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